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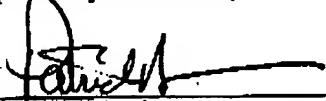
Claims 1-12, 14-15, 18, and 21 are now pending.

The Applicants herein respectfully elect to prosecute Group I claims, as set forth by the Examiner, i.e., claims drawn toward methods for producing a composition of water-soluble phytomedicinal compounds derived from green tea, with traverse. Pursuant to the Amended claims presented herewith, the Applicants further elect to prosecute on the merits the claims with regard to *green tea*. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to Examine claim 21, now limited to green tea, with the Group I claims now pending.

The Applicants herein petition the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and authorize the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1943. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Early action toward this end is courteously solicited. The Examiner is kindly encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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